Governments,/Union Territories, Non-Government Organisations, Voluntary Organisations, Resident Walfare Associations, Educational Institutions, Industries and individuals for whose benefit the Central Ground Water Board (CGWB), a subordinate office of the Ministry of Water Resources, have organised mass awareness programmes and training courses throughout the country. However, no survey has been undertaken to find out the number of ongoing rain water harvesting projects in the country.

Vaipar River Linking Project

1498. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a proposal for the Vaipar River Linking Project is pending with Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted detailed studies on the impact of such a project on the environment in the Southern Kerala;

(d) whether Government have considered the fact that most of the related areas in Kerala experience acute water shortage particularly in the summer season;

(e) if so, whether the project, if implemented would further accelerate the situation; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) National Water Development Agency (NWDA) has prepared a feasibility report of transferring surplus water of Pamba and Achankovil situated in Kerala to Vaippar river basin in Tamil Nadu in 1995. In view of the Resolution dated 6.8.2003 adopted unanimously by the Kerala Legislative Assembly urging the Central Government to give up the Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar Link Project completely, the Ministry of Water Resources has decided not to treat Pamba-Achankovil-Vaippar link as a priority link for consensus building purpose.

(c) No such detailed study has been conducted by NWDA.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.